Revamping of employment exchanges

*177. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the employment exchanges in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the changes proposed to be brought about in the exchanges so that they become effective for monitoring and co-ordinating various employment generation schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) Employment Exchanges are under the administrative and financial control of the respective State/UT Governments. Among the various steps being undertaken to revamp and modernize the employment exchanges include computerisation of the employment exchanges by the respective State/UT Governments, placing more focus on vocational guidance and career counselling activities and collection of labour market information.

Transit facility for Indians in enclaves surrounded by Bangladesh

*178. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian enclaves surrounded by Bangladesh territory; and

(b) what transit facilities are being provided to those Indian citizens residing in these enclaves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There are 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladesh.

(b) The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974 dealing with these enclaves does not provide for transit facilities to residents of the enclaves.